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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
<b>Title:</b>	Talbot-Whittier Family Papers
<b>ID:</b>	SpC MS 0488
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1789-1937
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1849-1933 (bulk)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 boxes
<b>Physical Location:</b>	
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Contains papers of various members of the Talbot family, a lumbering and shipping family from East Machias, Maine. Collection also contains business records of various vessels and businesses in Machias and East Machias, Maine.

### Preferred Citation

Talbot-Whittier Family Papers, SpC MS 0488, [Box No.], [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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## Biographical Note

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The Talbot family were early residents of East Machias, Maine, engaging in lumbering and shipping there. Peter and Lucy Hammond Talbot came to East Machias from Massachusetts in 1771; their sons Peter (1783-1875) and Micah Jones Talbot (1787-1869) were born there. Frederic Talbot (1819-1907), the son of Peter and Eliza Chaloner Talbot, was in business with his father manufacturing and selling lumber and then joined the lumber firm of Simpson, Talbot Co. in Whitneyville, Maine. In 1849 he and Andrew J. Pope, also from East Machias, sailed to San Francisco where they established the firm of Pope & Talbot, operating barges in San Francisco harbor and selling lumber from Maine and other places. Frederic's brother William C. Talbot (1816-1881) joined the business in 1850 after sailing the brig Oriental from Maine. Frederic Talbot left California shortly thereafter and opened a commission house in New York City, later moving to Providence, Rhode Island. The firm of Pope & Talbot, now

under the direction of Andrew Pope and William Talbot joined by Josiah P. Keller and Charles Foster from East Machias, established the Puget Mill Company in Port Gamble, Washington, where it operated for many years.

Samuel Hammond Talbot, the son of Micah Jones Talbot and a resident of East Machias, was born in 1810. He was a lumberman, merchant, and builder and owner of ships as well as serving as a Maine state senator. He married Mary Frances Scott in 1832 and they had ten children. Samuel Talbot died in 1889. His son Colonel Stephen C. Talbot served in the 18th and 31st Maine Infantry Regiments and the 1st Maine Heavy Artillery Regiment during the Civil War.

Henry Smith Whittier was born in 1872 and spent thirty years in the United States Navy. After his retirement he became interested in the history of East Machias and in the genealogy of his family. He wrote a series of articles titled East Machias, 1765-1926 that was published by the Union-Republican in Machias. Micah Talbot Whittier, one of the donors of this collection, was the son of Henry Whittier. His wife Barbara Talbot Whittier, also a donor, was the granddaughter of Frederic Talbot and his third wife, Isabel Louise Engarde.

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## Scope and Contents

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Contains papers of various members of the Talbot family as well as papers written or collected by Henry Smith Whittier. Papers are extensively annotated by Barbara Talbot Whittier. Talbot family papers are arranged chronologically by family member and include minutes, 1811-1842, of the East Machias Social Library with which Peter Talbot was associated; Talbot family letters; documents associated with Frederic Talbot including a diary, 1849-1851; and Talbot family photographs and genealogical information. Also includes documents associated with Stephen C. Talbot's military service in the Civil War and a pocket diary, 1862, of Samuel Hammond Talbot.

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## Scope and Contents

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Whittier family papers include typescripts of Henry Smith Whittier's book about the history of East Machias as well as notes about the genealogy of the Whittier, Scott and Foster families. Collection also contains business records of various vessels and businesses in Machias and East Machias, Maine. Books associated with the Talbot and Whittier families with family information added by Barbara Talbot Whittier are also found in the collection.

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## Organization and Arrangement

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Arranged in four series: Series I. Talbot family papers; Series II. Whittier family papers; Series III. Machias and East Machias historical material; Series IV. Books associated with the Talbot and Whittier families.

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### Access Restrictions

Kept at Fogler Library's offsite storage facility. One week's notice required for retrieval.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Micah T. Whittier and Barbara Talbot Whittier in 1971.

### Use Restrictions

Information on literary rights available in the repository.

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## Controlled Access Headings

- East Machias (Me.) -- History
- Machias (Me.) -- History
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Voyages to the Pacific coast
- Talbot, Peter, 1783-1875
- Talbot, Frederic, 1819-1907
- Talbot, Samuel Hammond, 1810-1889
- Talbot, Stephen C.
- Whittier, Henry Smith
- Whittier, Barbara Talbot
- Talbot family
- Whittier family
- United States. Army. Maine Infantry Regiment, 18th (1862)
- United States. Army. Maine Heavy Artillery Regiment, 1st (1863-1865)
- United States. Army. Maine Infantry Regiment, 31st (1864-1865)

## Collection Inventory

Series I: Talbot Family Papers	
Title/Description	Instances
Minutes of East Machias Social Library, [Peter Talbot], 1811-1842	Box 1
	Folder 1
Talbot family letters with annotations by Barbara Talbot Whittier, 1789-circa 1918	Box 1
	Folder 2
Frederic Talbot's diary of his trip to California, 1849-1851	Box 1
	Folder 3
Transcript of Frederic Talbot's diary	Box 1
	Folder 4
Letter from Frederic Talbot to George A. Pope, April 22, 1902	Box 1
	Folder 5
Day book (financial) and family history of F. Talbot, 1857-1860	Box 1
	Folder 6
F. Talbot: petty cash book, 1882	Box 1

	Folder 7
Framed photograph of Martha Talbot, daughter of Frederic and Susan Gardner Talbot, wearing necklace made of gold dug by her father in California, 1849-1851	Box 1 Folder 8
Necklace made of gold dug by Frederic Talbot in California, 1849-1851	Box 1 Folder 9
Letters from Frederic Talbot to Martha Talbot, 1889	Box 1 Folder 10
Voyage of Brig Oriental from East Machias, Maine, September 15, 1849 to San Francisco, California, March 3, 1850. Extracts copied from a journal kept on the voyage by George O. Wilson of East Machias, one of the passengers. Copied in February 1937 by Henry S. Whittier	Box 1 Folder 11
Stephen C. Talbot: The Civil War [oversized item], 1861-1865	Box 1 Folder 12
Samuel Hammond Talbot: Diary, 1862	Box 1 Folder 13
Joseph and Micah Whittier: Account book, 1865-1867, private expenditure bank; bills of sale of enrolled vessels, Talbot family, 1850s	Box 1 Folder 14
Honeymoon trip to Europe: George and Susan Talbot Claflin, May-Nov. 1894	Box 1 Folder 15-16
Talbot business papers, 1840s-1860s	Box 1 Folder 17
Talbot family deeds, wills, etc.	Box 1 Folder 18
Scrapbook: Hotel advertisements, etc. [Talbot family]	Box 1 Folder 19
Talbot family photographs	Box 1 Folder 20-21
Talbot family genealogy [compiled by Barbara Talbot Whittier]	Box 1 Folder 22

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U.S. Navy document appointing Henry S. Whittier an acting sailmaker's mate, 1893	Box 1 Folder 23
Letters to Henry S. Whittier from his mother Ellen Mulvaney Whittier, 1907-1910	Box 1 Folder 24
Letter to Henry S. Whittier from E.G. Ames, Nov. 19, 1930	Box 1 Folder 25
Letter from Henry S. Whittier to Holman W. Chaloner, Dec. 5, 1933	Box 1 Folder 26
"East Machias: A Historical Narrative" by Henry S. Whittier [photocopy of typescript]	Box 1 Folder 27-28
"East Machias, 1765-1926" by Henry S. Whittier [photocopy]	Box 1 Folder 29-30
Scrapbook: History of East Machias by Henry S. Whittier [oversized item]	Box 1 Folder 31
Notes on East Machias history by Henry S. Whittier	Box 1 Folder 32
Bishop and Whittier family history: notes by Henry S. Whittier	Box 1 Folder 33
Chase genealogy of interest to Micah Talbot Whittier ... [by Henry S. Whittier?]	Box 1 Folder 34
Scott and Foster genealogy: information gathered by Henry S. Whittier; annotations by Barbara Talbot Whittier	Box 1 Folder 35
Whittier genealogy: Ancestry of Henry Smith Whittier and his sons ... copied Dec. 29, 1930	Box 1 Folder 36
Whittier family genealogy, 1622 + notes, correspondence	Box 1 Folder 37
Whittier genealogy notes	Box 1 Folder 38
Genealogy of the East Machias, Maine Whittiers, 1935	Box 1 Folder 39
Eells, Smith, Whittier chart: made by Henry Smith Whittier [oversized item], Nov. 21, 1931	Box 1 Folder 40
Whittier family photographs	Box 2

	Folder 1
Cartes-de-visite, Civil War soldiers and others (26 images) [belonged to Henry S. Whittier]	Box 2 Folder 2
Jabez West Foster, Capt. George Kimball, William H. Foster: letters, 1850-1852	Box 2 Folder 3
Obituaries: Lt. Joseph B. Smith, Hon. Albert Smith, James C. Madigan [from Henry S. Whittier]	Box 2 Folder 4

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### Series III: Machias and East Machias Historical Material

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Two objects: Badge [Civil War?]; British frigate Margareta, captured by the men of Machias, Me., June 12, 1775. Souvenir piece of her ballast	Box 2 Folder 5
Bill of lading for schooner Mary, Oliver M. Goold, master, 1841	Box 2 Folder 6
Receipts for Simpson, Talbot Co., 1848-1849	Box 2 Folder 7
Invoices to barque Mary Spring owners in a/c with Simpson, Mayhew Co., 1853-1854	Box 2 Folder 8
Invoices, etc. for Pope vessels, 1860s	Box 2 Folder 9
Invoices, etc. for supplies to Capt. Chase's company: John L. Hodsdon, acting quartermaster general of the state of Maine, 1861	Box 2 Folder 10
Chase family information	Box 2 Folder 11
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### Series IV: Books Associated with the Talbot and Whittier Families:

Title/Description	Instances
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Abbott, Jacob. Rollo In London. Boston, W. J. Reynolds Co. Inscriptions and genealogical information about Talbot family owners inside cover, 1856	Box 2
Abbott, Jacob. Rollo in Paris. Boston, W. J. Reynolds Co. Inscriptions and genealogical information about Talbot family owners inside cover, 1854	Box 2
Abbott, Jacob. Rollo in Scotland. Boston, W. J. Reynolds & Co. Inscriptions and genealogical information about Talbot family owners inside cover, 1856	Box 2
Abbott, Jacob. Rollo in Switzerland. Boston, W. J. Reynolds 6 Co. Inscriptions and genealogical information about Talbot family owners inside cover, 1856	Box 2
Abbott, Jacob. Rollo on the Atlantic. Boston, W. J. Reynolds Co. Inscriptions and genealogical information about Talbot family owners inside cover, 1853	Box 2
Abbott, Jacob. Rollo on the Rhine. Boston, W. Reynolds Co. Inscriptions and genealogical information about Talbot family owners inside cover, 1855	Box 2
Arthur, T.S. The wife: a story for my young countrywomen. Philadelphia, Henry Anners. Inscribed: Mrs. S. H. Talbot, E. Machias, Maine, 1845	Box 2
Dodd, William. Thoughts in prison. In five parts: the imprisonment, the trial, the retrospect, futurity, public punishment. By William Dodd, L.L.D. to which are added miscellaneous pieces. Odiorne' s edition. Exeter, New Hampshire. Inscribed: Micah Talbot Whittier, 1794	Box 2
The elephant and the gingerbread-nuts. A story for little folks. New York, Church Book Society. Inscribed: Ed. E. Talbot, Feb'y 12/58, 1853	Box 2
Vergnaud, A. D. Manuel de perspective, du dessinateur de peintre...Troisieme edition. Paris, Roret, Libraire. Inscribed: Barbara Talbot, Paris, January 7, 1928, 1829	Box 2
Wilde, Oscar. Salome: A tragedy in one act. Translated from the French of Oscar Wilde. Pictures by Aubrey Beardsley. San Francisco, J. A. Ephraim Bookstore, 1896	Box 2
Briggs, L. Vernon. History of shipbuilding on the North River, Plymouth County, Massachusetts. Boston, Coburn Brothers. Belonged to Henry S. Whittier and Micah J. Whittier, 1889	Box 2
Clemens, Samuel. Life on the Mississippi by Mark Twain. Boston, James R. Osgood Co. Signature and genealogical information about Talbot family owners inside cover, 1883	Box 2

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